

# Washington State Patrol

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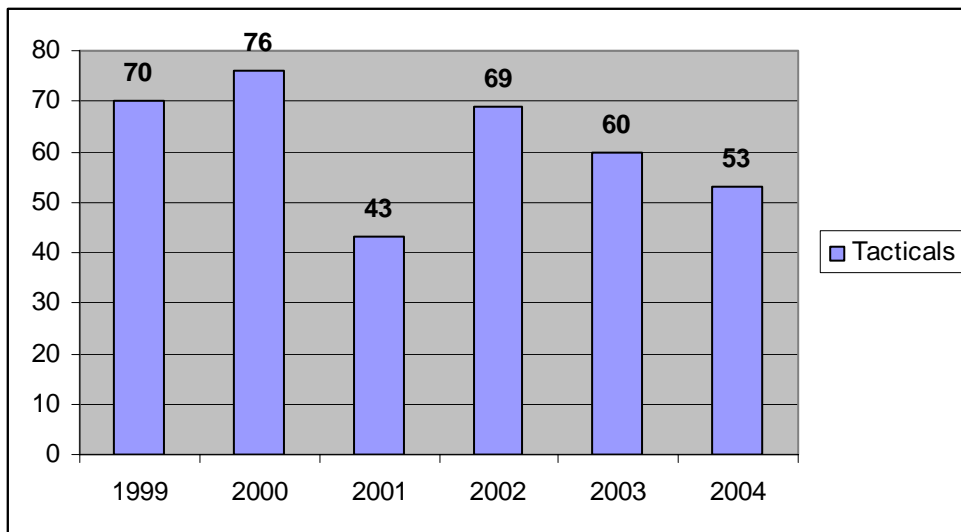
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### WSP SWAT Team Provides a Variety of Services

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team continues to provide a valuable public service to the citizens of Washington. From 1999 through 2004, WSP SWAT conducted 371 high risk tactical entries. The SWAT responses involved barricaded persons, hostage situations, high-risk warrant service, and high-risk arrest situations. During the same time frame, the SWAT team also responded to 1,409 methamphetamine lab calls from agencies across the state, and 42 weapons of mass destruction (WMD) events.



The SWAT team will respond to all high risk requests from city, county, state or federal agencies. The SWAT team also provides methamphetamine awareness classes to any group or agency who requests them. Members of the SWAT team have trained 16,151 individuals in methamphetamine awareness, including law enforcement, fire personnel, other government employees, and civilians. All of these services are free to the requesting agency.

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